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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE TO BE RELEASED
AT 11:00 AM TODAY (EMBARGOED UNTIL THAT TIME).

BEGIN TEXT:

IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CYRUS R. VANCE,
SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE USA, AND L. I. BREZHNEV, GENERAL
SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CPSU, AND A. A.
GROMYKO, MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO OF THE CPSU, MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR, HELD IN MOSCOW AT THE END OF
MARCH 1977, CYRUS R. VANCE AND A. A. GROMYKO MET IN GENEVA
ON MAY 18 - 20.

THEY EXAMINED IN DETAIL THE SITUATION REGARDING THE
PREPARATION OF A NEW AGREEMENT ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC
OFFENSIVE ARMS BASED ON THE VLADIVOSTOK ACCORD AND TAKING
INTO ACCOUNT THE RESULTS OF SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS. BOTH
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SIDES AGREED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA WERE NECESSARY
AND USEFUL AND THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN DEVELOPING
A COMMON FRAMEWORK FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. AS A RESULT
OF THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO
SIDES ON SEVERAL OF THE PREVIOUSLY UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS
HAVE BEEN NARROWED. IT IS AGREED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS OF
ALL UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS WILL BE CONTINUED WITH THE AIM OF

AN EARLY CONCLUSION OF A NEW AGREEMENT THAT WILL REPLACE THE INTERIM AGREEMENT ON CERTAIN MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMAMENTS.

CYRUS R. VANCE AND A. A. GROMYKO ALSO HAD A THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE PROBLEM OF THE SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

BOTH SIDES PROCEED ON THE PREMISE THAT ELIMINATION OF THE CONTINUING SOURCE OF TENSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONSTITUTES ONE OF THE PRIMARY TASKS IN ENSURING PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT IN ACHIEVING THIS GOAL AN IMPORTANT ROLE BELONGS TO THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST, AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM SPECIFICALLY SET UP TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

HAVING CONFIRMED THAT MUTUAL EFFORTS OF THE US AND THE USSR, WHO ARE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, ARE OF SUBSTANTIAL IMPORTANCE FOR ACHIEVING A JUST, DURABLE AND STABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE SIDES AGREED TO DIRECT THEIR JOINT EFFORTS TOWARD RESUMING THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE DURING THE FALL OF 1977, WHILE RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREFUL PREPARATION BEFORE THE CONFERENCE MEETS. FOR THESE PURPOSES, THE US AND THE USSR WILL BE CONDUCTING MONTHLY CONSULTATIONS AT THE LEVEL OF AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON OR MOSCOW. THEY AGREED TOO THAT THEY WILL BE WORKING IN THIS DIRECTION ALSO IN THEIR CONTACTS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE PARTIES IMMEDIATELY INVOLVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT.

END TEXT. VANCE

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